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1. The following is a list of food prices in Rumania in June 1954. Unless otherwise stated, the prices are in lei per kilogram.

Foodstuffs	Official Price	Free Market	Black Market	Remarks
Brown bread	0.70	2.00		
White bread (½ kg)	2.18	2.18		
Rolls (for 3)	1.00	1.00		
Flour	4.00	4.00		
Sugar	3.00	9.30	20.00	
Beef	7.56			
Beef, choice quality	10.70			
Pork	10.00		18.00-20.00	
Veal	10.00		15.00-20.00	
Mutton	6.00		16.00	
Frankfurters	12.60	12.90		
Russian salami	27.10	27.10		
Local salami	22.00	22.00		
Hungarian salami	60.00	60.00		

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Foodstuffs	Official Price	Free Market	Black Market	Remarks
Parisian sausage	13.00	13.00		
Pork sausage	27.00	27.00		
Poultry	7.00		20.00	Difficult to obtain
Young chicken				Difficult to obtain
Turkey	15.00		27.00-30.00	Difficult to obtain
Goose			25.00	Difficult to obtain
Eggs (each)	0.65		1.00-1.20	
Butter, 1st quality	27.00	27.00		No choice between 1st and 2nd quality
Butter, 2nd quality	21.00	21.00		
Margarine	16.00	16.00		
Edible oil	3.00	11.50	24.00	
Noodles	2.00	6.00		
Groats	2.65	4.00		
Rice, 1st quality	11.00	11.00		
Rice, 2nd quality	9.65	9.65		
Tea	100.00	100.00		Bad quality
Cocoa	140.00	140.00		
Coffee	160.00	160.00		Bad quality
Chicory	9.00	9.00		
Vanilla	7.50	7.50		
Cinnamon	6.50	6.50		
Kitchen salt	1.00	1.00		
Table salt	4.00	4.00		
Poppy-seed	12.00			
Mustard	10.00	10.00		
Nuts	4.00	4.00		
Vinegar (bottle)	4.46	4.46		
Milk	1.10		4.00	Difficult to obtain officially
Cream	18.00	18.00		
Sour milk	4.00	8.00		Official bad quality

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Foodstuffs	Official Price	Free Market	Black Market	Remarks
Cheese of cow milk	8.00	20.00		Difficult to obtain officially
Sheep cheese	9.30		20.00	Difficult to obtain officially
Various cheeses	20.00-24.00	20.00-24.00		
Whipping cream		30.00		
Cookies	22.04	22.04		
Chocolate	160.00	160.00		
Candy	11.00-20.00	11.00-20.00		
Dried beans	4.00	8.00		
Lentils	3.00		6.00	
Dried peas	4.00		8.00	
Fish	7.00-10.00		11.00-36.00	
Herring	18.00	18.00		
Olives	24.00			
Lemons	20.00	20.00		
Grapefruit	20.00	20.00		
Oranges	20.00	20.00		
Apples	1.50		12.00	Non-obtainable officially
Pears	3.00		12.00	Non-obtainable officially
Strawberries	7.00		10.00-16.00	
Cherries	2.00		4.00-7.00	
Old potatoes	1.00		1.80	Non-obtainable officially
New potatoes	3.50		5.00	
Dried onions	4.00		6.00	Non-obtainable officially
Fresh onions	1.50		3.00	
Dried garlic	-	-	-	Unobtainable
Fresh garlic	3.00	5.00		
Green beans	3.00		3.50	
Old carrots	0.80		2.00	Non-obtainable officially
Fresh carrots	5.00	5.00		

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Foodstuffs	Official Price	Free Market	Black Market	Remarks
Cabbage	1.30			
Cauliflower	12.00		24.00	
Asparagus	5.00		12.00	
Cucumbers	11.00		25.00	
Radishes	1.00		2.00	
Tomatoes	16.00		30.00	
Spinach	0.25		1.50	
String beans	3.00		6.00	
Green peas (canned)	4.00 per 300 gr.			
String beans (canned)	4.00 per 300 gr.			
Marmalade	7.00			
Jam (½ kg.)	15.00			
Canned fruits	5.00 per 300 gr.			
Sardines (per tin)	8.00			
Fish (canned)	7.00 per ½ kg.			
Liver spread	9.00 per ½ kg.			

2. The following categories of ration cards are in use at present:

Card A	Miners
Card B1	Heavy industry workers
Card B	Light industry workers
Card C	Other manuel workers and clerks
Card D1	Workers' wives
Card D2	Children
Card E	Pensioners

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3. Ration quantities are known for the following foodstuffs:

Item	A	B1	B	C	D1	D2	E
Brown bread (day)	1 kg.	250 gr.	500 gr.	300 gr.	250 gr.	250 gr.	150 gr.
Sugar (month	1 kg.	1½ kg.	1¼ kg.	750 gr.	350 gr.	250 gr.	250 gr.
Beef (week)	1 kg.	750 gr.	400 gr.	300 gr.	250 gr.	150 gr.	150 gr.
Edible oil (month)	1½ kg.	1 kg.	750 gr.	500 gr.	300 gr.	250 gr.	150 gr.
Groats (month)						2 kg.	

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